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I'd like to add my comments to the proposed Microsoft settlement as permitted under the Tunney Act. Briefly let me say that I agree with the comments made by Mr. Dan Kegel (see <http://www.kegel.com/remedy/remedy2.html>) and encourage you to have a look at his analysis. I too do not believe that the proposed settlement is in the public interest.

I believe that a competitive marketplace is better for both the consumer and for the advancement of the market. Microsoft, as a monopoly, has repeatedly worked to stifle such competition, clearly succeeding to the detriment of the market. Innovation is key to the advancement of the computer software industry, but in a stifled, monopolized market this process ceases; the word instead is co-opted as a marketing term.

I hope that you will reconsider the proposed settlement with Microsoft.

Sincerely,

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